



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance
1849 C Street, NW - MS 2462 - MIB
Washington, D.C. 20240



9043.1
PEP/NRM

ELECTRONIC MAIL MEMO

September 13, 2010

To: Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs
Director, Fish and Wildlife Service
Director, Geological Survey
Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
Director, National Park Service
Regional Environmental Officer, Atlanta, Georgia {Lead}

From: Team Leader, Natural Resources Management
Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance

Subject: Review of Draft EIS for the Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary Research Areas Designation; 16miles off the shore of Sapelo Island, Georgia
(ER 10/773)(Agency due date: **December 8, 2010**)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has published a notice of availability of draft EIS for the Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary Research Areas Designation, submitted by the NOAA-Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, in the *Federal Register* dated **September 10, 2010**. You may access the notice on the Internet at:

http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/frcont10.html or at EPA's published EIS Notice of Availability at <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-22617.pdf>. The DEIS is also available on NOAA's website at: <http://graysreef.noaa.gov/> or http://graysreef.noaa.gov/management/pdfs/grnms_ra_deis_aug_2010.pdf

Please review the draft EIS from your particular jurisdiction or special expertise and provide your comments to the Regional Environmental Office in Atlanta, Georgia by **November 23, 2010**.

The Regional Environmental Office staff will prepare Departmental comment for signature by the Regional Environmental Officer by **December 1, 2010**.

Please supply all signed, paper comments and comments on disk or by electronic mail to the REO.

/s/9/13/10
Vijai N. Rai

Attachment may follow.

cc: REO/ATL

OEPC-Staff Contact: Shawn Alam, 202-208-5465; shawn_alam@ios.doi.gov